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United States Capitol, Room S-128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
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Dear Chairman Inouye, Chairwoman Mikulski, Ranking Member Cochran, and Ranking Member Shelby:

As the committee begins consideration of the fiscal year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill and report, we write in support of the following projects.

Please note that these projects are in no particular order.

Project: Deschutes County Jail Expansion
Requestor: Deschutes County, Bend, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$5,000,000
Description: Recognizing that jail overcrowding was and would continue to be a major public safety problem, Deschutes County in 2005 convened a blue-ribbon committee to work with the OMNI Consulting Group and KMD Architects on a study of future jail space needs. That study concluded that the County should expand its jail to 730+ beds (from the current 228) at a cost of \$80 million. Recognizing that this budget figure was probably not achievable, the Board of Commissioners asked for and received alternative plans that would increase the number of beds to 564 (including 90 beds in a remodeled work center that has already been paid for and opened) at a cost of \$40 million.

The Deschutes County jail has reached capacity. Due to overcrowding, inmates are force-released under a process called “matrixing.” Inmates are routinely released before serving their full sentences. Design documents are completed and construction is ready to begin. Unfortunately, the County has no money to pay for construction, however Deschutes County already has funding available (through the permanent tax rate of a special law enforcement

district) to fund the operation of the expanded jail. Deschutes County estimates the construction project will create a \$20 million direct payroll during the two-year construction period, creating approximately 100 FTE positions. Once the expansion is complete, Deschutes County already has funding available to fund the operation of the expanded jail. This will lead to creation of approximately 25 new family wage jobs for corrections deputies and support staff.

Project: Corvallis Firefighter Training Tower
Requestor: City of Corvallis Fire Department, Corvallis, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: Corvallis Fire currently has a four-story training tower and accessory props that are more than 40 years old. A new training tower and props will need to be built in a different location as the current property is slated to be used by City Public Works in the next few years to meet EPA Wastewater standards.

The Fire Department is negotiating a long-term lease with Public Works on some property located on the Public Works' main campus that would be an appropriate location for the various props needed for training in fire, EMS, and rescue situations. While Corvallis Fire is the predominant user, They have also shared, and intend to continue to share, the props with regional fire agencies, the National Guard, ROTC, law enforcement, Corvallis School District, and Oregon State University as they have need. Corvallis Fire is a participant on the State of Oregon Urban Search and Rescue team and on one of the State's regional Hazardous Materials teams.

Funds requested would purchase a drill tower and/or props necessary to meet the ever increasing training demands to appropriately prepare emergency responders in the Corvallis community and surrounding communities.

Project: Disease Reduction in Klamath River Salmon
Requestor: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
Account: DOC - NOAA
Amount Requested: \$1,500,000
Description: Salmon losses in the Klamath basin have had devastating effects on tribal communities along the river and the coastal communities of Oregon and California. Severe infection by the myxozoan parasite *Ceratomyxa shasta* has, in large part, been responsible for the declining numbers of juvenile Klamath River fall Chinook and coho salmon and subsequent impacts on later adult returns.

Funds awarded will research management actions to reduce disease (ceratomyxosis) in natural juvenile salmon of the Klamath River. Research will be conducted through controlled laboratory and field experiments administered by collaborations between OSU, Humboldt State University, the University of California, Davis, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Yurok and Karuk Tribes, and California and Oregon governmental agencies. These studies will be conducted over

2-3 years, leading to large-scale tests or implementation to reduce disease in salmon on the Klamath River.

Project: Public Safety Technology Improvements
Requestor: Lane County, Eugene, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: Requested funds would be used to expand regional training, security and communications facilities. This will provide equipment and services for a Regional Command Training and Simulation Center; provide video surveillance and monitoring equipment in the regional adult corrections facility; and provide equipment and upgrades to add local corrections and parole and probation personnel to the regional interoperable communications system. The Simulation Center will serve as a training facility for use by Lane County and surrounding county agencies, it is also necessary to attain and maintain compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The request will also fund the installation of additional cameras in and around the Lane County Jail, which will serve to greatly enhance the safety and security of the facility. Finally, this request adds Lane County Corrections and Parole and Probation personnel to a single, wide-area, APCO Project 25 (P25) compliant radio system. This shared system provides Lane County agencies with a state of the art, fully-interoperable communications system including Lane County Sheriff, Eugene Police Department, Springfield Police Department and Eugene Water & Electric Board.

Project: Offender Treatment and Transition Program
Requestor: Lane County, Eugene, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: This program would be an in-custody, evidence based treatment program for up to 36 local adult sentenced felony and misdemeanor offenders. Targeted interventions such as drug and alcohol and anger management treatment, among others, will be provided for those offenders identified as potentially benefiting from those programs. Another component of this program will be focused on preparing the offender for pro-social community reintegration via such proven methods as cognitive restructuring and positive reinforcement. Modern Correctional philosophy, supported by studies performed by University of Cincinnati Professor Ed LaTessa and others indicate that identifying the root causes of an individual's criminal behavior (i.e. their criminogenic needs) and addressing those needs in a structured environment will have a positive effect on the odds that that individual will remain crime free following his term of incarceration.

Project: Florence Emergency Center Upgrades
Requestor: City of Florence, Florence, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Description: The Florence Event Center (FEC) is designated as a shelter for the American Red Cross and currently has no generator or means of power in an emergency situation. The FEC is shown on tsunami maps prepared by DOGAMI as a designated place for evacuees and emergency responders to seek shelter out of the inundation zone. Florence is a tourist destination with an estimated 15,000 visitors in our community during the summer season as well as weekends. With the proper emergency generator equipment the FEC would be capable of assisting up to several hundred people.

Currently, in the event of a natural disaster, the FEC would have no lighting, heating, or cooking capability. Obtaining an emergency generator for the FEC is listed as a top priority for the current City Council as it would assist with protecting the safety and well being of the tax payers. Preliminary research indicates that in order to provide electricity for the heating, lighting, and cooking facilities the FEC would need to acquire at least a 75kw generator that, because of the salty air environment, would require an enclosed building for the equipment and fuel tank.

Project: Washington County Recovery Mentors Program

Requestor: Washington County, Hillsboro, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Description: Under this program, mentors meet with inmates prior to release and assist the probation officer in the development of a release plan. They meet with family members, develop stable housing and establish a schedule that begins to create pro-social support the day an offender is released from prison. The mentor continues to work with the offender until he or she is well established in a support group with a sponsor, has friends in recovery, is participating in treatment, and is employed or involved in some other daily activity (approximately three or four months).

The Recovery Mentors Program has yielded the following positive outcomes:

- 91% of the nearly 300 offenders in the Recovery Mentor Program secured long-term housing within 6 months of admission or were able to fully financially support themselves in transitional housing, compared with approximately 40% without the program.
- 79% of mentees secured full-time employment within 6 months after admission into the program, compared to approximately 50% of offenders not in the program.
- 79% of mentees had no new arrests/violations while in the program.

Project: Oregon Territorial Sea Mapping

Requestor: Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Portland, OR

Account: DOC - NOAA

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Description: Presently, only a detailed bottom mapping of about 5% of the area of the Oregon Territorial Sea exists, which extends 3 nautical miles from the coast and comprises

approximately 950 square nautical miles. A detailed bathymetric map would enable more effective tsunami inundation modeling, wave energy facility siting, telecommunications cable laying, marine habitat identification, marine reserves delineation, marine navigation, and shoreline erosion modeling.

Project: Clackamas County Interagency Meth Initiative
Requestor: Clackamas County, Oregon City, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: In 2006, the epidemic use of methamphetamine in Clackamas County and the crimes it breeds, led the County Sheriff's Department, the DA's office, the County's Code Enforcement Unit, and the Clackamas County Juvenile Department to develop a new County Meth Enforcement Team (CC-MET) that developed a two-pronged program that combined resources from all of those agencies to create a new model for fighting meth use in the County, featuring an adult and a juvenile component.

The centerpiece of the Adult Initiative is the Clackamas County Inter-Agency Task Force, (CCITF) that combines the resources of the County Sheriff's Office and the County District Attorney's Office with police officers from the Oregon State Police as well as six local agencies, the Internal Revenue Service, the Oregon National Guard and community corrections.

Two separate efforts were developed within the Juvenile Initiative — one aimed at young people who are already abusing methamphetamines, and the other an education focus aimed at preventing others from ever beginning.

This program has been successful in both catching criminals and in running targeted outreach and prevention programs. It works because of the interagency cooperation of law enforcement, juvenile, and human services. This funding would allow the CCITF to add a new layer of prevention through the county's Department of Human Services to ensure it connects with vulnerable clients in the county's social service system. In addition, new partners including the City of Milwaukie have joined the task force, which calls for additional resources to fund law enforcement officers in those new areas.

Project: Public Safety Records Management System Project
Requestor: Marion County, Salem, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: The Marion County Sheriff Offices' public records system must manage and coordinate information for four important divisions: Enforcement (Patrol Services); Institutions (Jails and Work Centers); Parole and Probation (Community Corrections); and Operations (Criminal Records/Judicial Security/Crime Prevention/Civil Process). Each of these divisions must produce and share information within the county and with other federal, state and local government agencies. Its current 23-year-old system, which is unreliable and inefficient,

cannot be upgraded due to vendor constraints. The purchase of new system hardware and software will allow the MCSO to achieve the following capabilities:

- Field-reporting so officers can immediately enter incident and case information and access existing information;
- Reporting real time data for determining trends and other important information for investigators;
- Timely communication of information to other community agencies, in particular the courts and District Attorneys' Office;
- Inmate intake processing, initial and secondary inmate classifications, cell management, property and disciplinary accounting, tracking inmate movement and activity/incident tracking;
- Automated intake processes using the most current or up-to-date technology;
- Automated, annual Uniform Crime Reporting to the state government and the FBI
- Automated business processes with work-flow capability;
- Efficient entry and location of information; and,
- A flexible architectural platform that is easy to upgrade, expand and replace when new technology develops.

Project: "Kids First" Initiative – Phase 2

Requestor: Marion County, Salem, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: Marion County's "Kids First" initiative targets resources to successful local programs and services primarily focused on children affected by methamphetamine addiction in "high-risk" families, with the goal of breaking the vicious cycle of intergenerational drug abuse, crime and family violence prevalent in Marion County. This comprehensive approach has been designed by elected officials and community leaders as a way to fight the local meth crisis, which is having a devastating impact on the county's most innocent victims – children. The Kids First Initiative focuses on the three crucial areas of prevention, treatment and intervention.

Project: Garibaldi Emergency Shelter Rehabilitation

Requestor: City of Garibaldi, Garibaldi, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$351,400

Description: Funds will go towards equipment and renovation including commercial range and hood, upgrade of 1950s-era restrooms and kitchen, creation of storage for Red Cross supplies.

Project: Regional Interoperability Communications System

Requestor: City of Salem Police Department, Salem, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: The Willamette Valley Communication Center is the central dispatching center for eighteen police and fire agencies in the region. Throughout the Salem Metropolitan area there are several public safety agencies, departments and local governmental jurisdictions using out-dated technology. Public Safety agencies are unable to communicate because systems do not interoperate efficiently. The FCC mandate of narrowbanding frequencies by 2013 requires agencies in the Salem metropolitan area to develop a Regional Radio System. The goal to create a single radio system that meets the communications needs of responders, local government, transit, hospitals, schools and private partners. Having a single radio system infrastructure allows interoperability between agencies in emergencies and allows cost sharing.

The initial phase of the Regional Radio System is to replace the existing City of Salem system with a new seven site Project 25 Digital Radio System. This new radio system will be expandable as the regional model grows to allow connections from other radio systems in neighboring counties, cities, etc. This new system will have the coverage required by our first responders to communicate in areas that they do not have adequate coverage now. The city's police and fire departments will be able to communicate on the same radio system without the need to have dispatch patch calls through a series of complicated hardware add-ons.

Project: Emergency Services Mobile Incident Command and Communication Vehicle

Requestor: City of Salem Police Department, Salem, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: This funding would provide the City of Salem's police, fire, and emergency services with one fully operational specialized Mobile Incident Command Vehicle. The vehicle shall be designed to provide on-site communication, command and coordination in support of city, county, state, and federal agency operations. To effectively manage major emergency incidents over an extended period of time, the specified vehicle shall be self-contained, contain advanced, complex communications systems and information processing systems that are integrated and connected via hardwire and wireless technologies. The vehicle shall have multiple, redundant communication technologies capable of communicating with virtually any emergency response agency in the country and be fully capable of advanced information management needed at a complex interagency, multi-jurisdictional incident. This vehicle would ensure operational readiness and deployment at a major incident, national disaster, or CBRNE terrorist event.

The City of Salem does not have a mobile incident command vehicle. Salem's police, fire and emergency services rely on small Utility vehicles for incident command responses. These SUV's are equipped with basic equipment and are not capable of sustained operations over several hours. It is critical Salem acquire a command vehicle capable of extended emergency operations. The vehicle must be capable of providing command, support, and communication capabilities to all agencies within the region.

The City of Salem operates in two counties and is the second largest municipal police agency in the state. Salem maintains mutual aid agreements with nineteen cities and counties within our region and supports local, state and federal agencies involved in emergency operations.

Project: Lincoln County Meth Initiative

Requestor: Lincoln County, Newport, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Description: The Lincoln County Meth Initiative (LCMI), begun in 2000, focuses on providing science-based prevention, enforcement, and treatment for the purpose of reducing the use and abuse of methamphetamine. The purpose of the project is to help remedy the harmful effects of the meth epidemic, and enhance efforts to prevent meth use, abuse and addiction. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the impacts of meth negatively effect many people in the community, including increased crime and the neglect and abuse of children. One job will directly be created by this project. Furthermore, getting folks off meth enhances the pool of job applicants who can pass a pre-employment drug test and hold down a job. This proposed project would provide: (1) Equipment, training, and supplies for the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT); (2) Counseling, medical exams, and other services pursuant to the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program; (3) Youth driven film projects in local schools (Methamphetamine Awareness Project, or MAP); and (4) Supplies and travel in support of the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (OADEC) and the Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association (ONEA).

Project: South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT)

Requestor: South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (CooS County Sheriff's Office), Coquille, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$600,000

Description: The South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT) combats illegal narcotic activities. This request will add three much-needed detectives to continue efforts to increase the number of arrests, seizures of drugs, search warrants and prosecution of drug offenders. Oregon has been plagued by a huge rise in drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) involved in both methamphetamine and cocaine and the region covered by SCINT is no exception. SCINT has been in operation since 1988 and was one of the first narcotic task forces created in Oregon. Currently SCINT has only two detectives to cover nearly 3500 square miles of a highly economically distressed area in Oregon. Oregon was plagued in 2007 with outdoor marijuana cultivation, specifically by Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's). During 2007, the SCINT team was involved in the eradication of in excess of 14,000 marijuana plants. It has worked a variety of Federal investigations in the last 24 months that have dismantled DTOs involved in crystal methamphetamine in addition to marijuana cases.

The drug cartels are in a massive war over territories with escalated violence and brutality. These cartels and DTO's will seek areas that have less narcotics enforcement presence. The violence is spilling into the U.S. and thus amplifies the significance of an operating drug team to taxpayers.

Project: County Courthouse and Justice Building security gates for Police and Judge Parking
Requestor: Josephine County Facilities Division, Grants Pass, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$30,000
Description: In 2008, the Oregon Judicial Department conducted an audit to identify critical needs for courthouses in the state. One of the findings was that there is no security fencing in the Josephine County Courthouse parking lot, leaving it completely accessible to the public. The Automatic Security Gate project will address one of the security recommendations in that report by providing the judges and criminal justice personnel a secure entrance and exit to the courthouse as well as protecting critical infrastructure and key assets. The security gates would also protect first responders' law enforcement vehicles from tampering and therefore protecting the taxpayers' assets. The entrance to the Courthouse for inmates scheduled for trial is located in this parking lot and this entrance will be more secure reducing the risk of escape or attack. This project will support overall Courthouse security improvement strategy.

Project: Josephine County Courthouse Security Camera System
Requestor: Josephine County Facilities Division, Grants Pass, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$150,000
Description: In 2008, the Oregon Judicial Department conducted an audit to identify critical needs for courthouses in the state. One of the findings was that the security systems at Josephine County Courthouse were seriously lacking. This project will add security measures to the courthouse to protect critical county infrastructure. The project will upgrade the existing eight-year-old security camera system to cover areas that are not monitored at this time. Those areas would include additional interior areas, entrances, the exterior perimeter and parking lots. The system would have the capacity to be monitored at more than one location in the event there is a security situation. This system would improve security for the 280 state, and county employees working in the building as well as the 1,000 people per day on average visiting the building. This project will support overall courthouse security improvement strategy.

Project: Jackson County Consolidated 911 Dispatch Center
Requestor: City of Medford, Medford, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: This request would provide funding for a much needed consolidation of the two current 911 dispatch centers, one of which does not meet seismic standards, into one new facility. It would also combine two separate computer aided dispatch systems. One location will provide improved coordination and interoperability, improved call processing times, decreased response times, uniformity, elimination of call transfers, and the ability to handle a greater number of calls. The project impacts every public safety agency providing services to 250,000 people, including 21 fire agencies and 14 police agencies.

Project: Port of Port Orford Marine Research Facility

Requestor: Port of Port Orford, Port Orford, OR

Account: DOC - NOAA

Amount Requested: \$1,800,000

Description: The Port of Port Orford is seeking funding for a new research facility that would replace the existing cannery building that is near condemnation. The new research facility would house the current tenant that is in the old building, the Port Offices, and Port Orford Ocean Resource Team that would provide the research capability. The purpose of the marine research facility project is to take a derelict building and turn it into an economically useful entity. This project would create 20-50 new jobs during the construction phase, while also keeping the current Port Office and Port Orford Ocean Resource Team employed and better equipped to meet consumer needs. This project is a constructive use of taxpayer funds because it would create high paying jobs that are dedicated to scientific resource management and environmental concerns. The research on near-shore fish species and ecology would have state and national benefits for understanding how to better manage our oceans.

Project: Port of Gold Beach Public Safety Project

Requestor: Port of Gold Beach, Gold Beach, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$48,000

Description: Funding is requested for acquisition and installation of security cameras at the Port's airport and at the mouth of the Rogue River. These cameras will increase security and public safety at locations not visible from the Port's office. The purpose of this project is to increase the overall public safety of the Port and the surrounding community. As the Port's airport and the mouth of the Rogue River are not visible to Port employees, it is very dangerous to leave these areas unmonitored. The Port is an access point from the Pacific Ocean and is therefore susceptible to breaches in security and threats to public safety. Installing security cameras is the most cost-effective way to assure that these areas are safely monitored. Security cameras would also limit the amount of time local law enforcement must spend policing these unmonitored areas.

Project: Rx to Save Teens' Lives

Requestor: Oregon Partnership, Portland, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: Oregon Partnership is a 15-year-old statewide non-profit dedicated to ending drug and alcohol abuse. Requested funds would be used to attack a problem of escalating concern among Oregon's law enforcement, prevention and treatment professional communities—the misuse of prescription drugs. Funds would be spent to attack this problem through a variety of methods:

- A strategic statewide media campaign using television, billboards and transit advertising to educate the public about the dangers of non-medical use of prescription drugs. The campaign would enlist high school and college students to help develop media messages and public service announcements based on focus-group research.
- Parent Education through “lunch and learns” conveniently held where parents are, such as the workplace and places of worship. Workshops would be offered in English and Spanish to parents and other caregivers that address prevention strategies and the important role parents play in restricting home access and safe drug disposal.
- Youth education through Oregon Partnership's highly regarded *Parents Teaching Prevention* program, in which parent volunteers deliver prevention education lessons to schoolchildren about the harms of substance abuse and making healthy life choices. These highly trained and dedicated volunteers use comprehensive curriculum that meets Oregon education standards.
- The availability of Oregon Partnership's 24-hour, confidential Crisis Lines to compassionately connect people to counseling, treatment referral and information about Rx drugs.

Project: Financial and Elder Abuse Prosecution Project

Requestor: Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, District Attorney, Portland, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$625,000

Description: This project would develop and expand the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) and Gatekeeper Programs. FAST brings together professionals from a number of discipline to specifically target cases involving financial fraud and abuse of elder citizens. This funding would add FAST Coordinator position to help direct and focus efforts of the team. It would also purchase needed neuropsychologist, forensic, account and forensic nurse services and expand prosecution and investigations capacity. The gatekeeper model is a national best-practice program that identifies at-risk older adults and people with disabilities living in the community and links them to critical social and health services. Gatekeepers are not mandatory reporters, but are nontraditional referral sources such as meter readers, bank tellers and letter carriers who come into contact with older adults through everyday work activities. Gatekeepers are trained to identify signs and symptoms which indicate vulnerable adults needing assistance. Both programs take a multidisciplinary approach to identifying, preventing and prosecuting abuse perpetrated on elder citizens. The benefits of the program include allowing for specialization in responding to financial abuse, enabling the public and private sector to work together to help

bring justice, providing trainings and consultations, increasing technical knowledge on criminal activities, providing for a wider range of alternative solutions, creating short and long-term intervention strategies, providing better interagency coordination, communication and cooperation, developing mutually beneficial working relationships among professionals and organizations, helping with identification of and response to service gaps and systems breakdowns, providing strengthened/enhanced ability of community to serve victims of financial abuse, and providing better information for prosecution.

Project: Multnomah County Re-Entry Services
Requestor: Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, District Attorney, Portland, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: The Multnomah County Department of County Human Services seeks to share information with community members, partners, and staff on what works to keep communities safe by preventing and reducing crime, and to routinely evaluate the extent to which local policies support those best practices. The funding would support a number of services and strategies to assist offenders who have completed their prison and jail terms, and are returning to the community. More specifically, these funds will be used to increase the number of people receiving transitional services as they leave prison and jail by a third, to double the number of transitional housing beds available for returning offenders, increase outpatient treatment slots, and retain mentors and an employment specialist. The period immediately following release from prison is a particularly high-risk time for offenders. Not only is the risk of new crimes greatest during this period, but offenders often experience a heightened need for substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, housing and other services. These services are designed to break cycles of addiction, criminality, and homelessness that cost Oregon communities millions in criminal justice costs. DCJ transitional services are also tied to employment and vocational services, geared towards getting former offenders back to work.

Project: Project Clean Slate
Requestor: Independent Development Enterprise Alliance, Portland, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: Project Clean Slate (PCS) sustainably improves lives by reducing legal and practical impediments that keep individuals from full and productive lives by removing barriers to employment, housing and education by converting delinquent traffic fines in Multnomah County to community service. Qualified participants get their minor criminal infractions expunged, re-establish payment plans on delinquent child support, and get their drivers licenses reinstated, allowing individuals the ability to become employable, tax-paying members of the community. Most of the barriers breached through PCS have a disparate and significant impact on minority, low-income, and underserved communities.

The Funds will be used to expand and maintain the program. PCS needs to expand the program into other areas to further impact the community. PCS has found that some individuals have multiple infractions in multiple counties. The ability to serve in all counties will allow those multiple infractioned individuals the ability to expunge all their fines. Funds will be also be used for staff, equipment, classroom space, and general operations. This will allow PCS to serve 1,400 individuals waiting in Multnomah County as well as an additional 3,000 individuals yearly.

Project: America SCORES Portland Afterschool Program Expansion
Requestor: America SCORES - Portland, Portland, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$150,000
Description: America SCORES is a non-profit organization that provides the nation's only after-school program using soccer, creative writing, and community service to improve academic performance, health, and well-being among at-risk youth in urban public elementary schools. America SCORES would like to bring its program to Portland, OR, to continue furthering its mission to fight the twin epidemics of illiteracy and obesity among youth in urban, low-income communities.

With federal support, America SCORES Portland hopes to launch a full after-school program in four of Portland's public elementary schools to provide the opportunity for approximately 120 at-risk youth to participate in the SCORES program. The program provides soccer practice and writing workshops on alternating days of the week. Often, this program provides the only physical activity that a student will receive in any given day. To play on the soccer team, students must commit to applying the leadership, teamwork, and commitment they develop on the soccer field to academic pursuits in the classroom. A recent study demonstrated significant physical and academic benefits for students participating in the SCORES program.

On alternating days of the week, the teams will meet with a writing coach and discover the power of self-expression through literacy. The students' writing coaches will engage them in activities focused on poetry, creative expression, and spoken word. The program is entirely school-based and the writing and soccer coaches will be hired from within each school, allowing the teachers to benefit from the professional development that the SCORES curricula provides.

Project: International Toll Free Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Crisis Line for Americans Living Overseas
Requestor: American Domestic Violence Crisis Line, Portland, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$243,064
Description: Founded in Oregon in 1999, the American Domestic Violence Crisis Line, 866-USWOMEN, works with abused American women & children in foreign countries to provide domestic violence & child abuse advocacy, resources and tools to help them navigate the complicated jurisdictional, legal and social international landscapes, enabling them to live their lives free of abuse either in the foreign country or back in the USA. The organization serves a

globally disbursed population of 6.6 million American expatriates via an internationally toll free hotline, 866-USWOMEN, accessible from 175 countries world-wide. Additional programs include danger to safety relocation back to the USA including airline flights, assistance with housing, utilities, emergency needs, legal consultations and retainers to enable battered mothers to file for custody of their children and professional counseling. Callers often work with the organization for several years.

The organization currently serves 400 families living with violence per year with a goal to increase this to 1000 families per year by 2012.

Currently the Violence Against Women Act does not cover this invisible and forgotten population of American abuse victims. Yet, they are a special needs population that faces tremendous barriers to fleeing family violence. Appropriations funding for this program is critical to support this population until it can be written into the re-authorization of VAWA in 2010 for funding in 2011.

Project: Portland Police Bureau Technology Improvements
Requestor: City of Portland, Portland, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Description: The City of Portland is requesting funding for two sets of technology that will significantly improve the services it provides: An Automated License Plate Recognition system, and in-car security cameras.

The Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) is a patrol-car based license plate recognition system improving officer safety and effectiveness. Using a system of up to four cameras mounted on the light-bar, the system scans the surrounding area for license plates. The system checks the observed plates against an onboard database to look for vehicles of interest (stolen vehicles, wanted felons, AMBER alerts, etc). In the event of a match an audible and visual alert notifies the officer. The ALPR system saves data on every license plate seen by the cameras and logs the date, time, GPS location as well as a photo of the vehicle. During a typical shift (10 hours) the system can cover 5000 license plates. In 25 days of use, the system recovered 21 stolen vehicles resulting in 7 arrests and over \$100,000 in recovered vehicle value.

The City of Portland is also requesting funding for in-car security cameras, which will assist with investigating traffic violations and stops, aggressive driving, and provides the ability to show video evidence in court.

Project: Hood River County Community Notification System
Requestor: Hood River County 911 Communications District, Hood River, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$100,000

Description: This project will fund the purchase, installation and first year of maintenance of emergency communication equipment that will enable Hood River County to send time sensitive, targeted messages to select groups and geographic areas in the County. This new community notification system will enable emergency responders and County officials to provide up to the minute public warnings, disaster response, evacuations, geo-targeted alerts and more to residents throughout the County. These emergency notifications will be able to be simultaneously sent and received by landline, wireless, SMS/Text, email, fax, pager, and VoIP (voice over internet protocol).

Project: The Multidisciplinary Institute for Neuropsychiatric Diagnosis
Requestor: Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: Although there is a high prevalence of mental illness among individuals with methamphetamine dependence, the direct and indirect effects of methamphetamine addiction make it difficult to recognize co-occurring psychiatric disorders. Delayed or inaccurate psychiatric diagnosis is a source of prolonged suffering and major impediment in the treatment of methamphetamine dependence. At present, no medical tests exist for diagnosing meth-related psychiatric disorders.

Meth abuse continues to be a significant health, social, and public-safety issue in Oregon and the rest of the United States. (According to the RAND Drug Policy Report on methamphetamine, released earlier this year, economic costs of methamphetamine use in the United States were estimated to be \$23.4 billion in 2005 with crime and criminal justice costs estimated to be \$4.2 billion, the 2nd largest cost category next to the intangible burden of addiction and premature death.)

The Multidisciplinary Institute of Neuropsychiatric Disorders (MIND) will develop biologically (medically) based criteria for diagnosing and classifying psychiatric disorders. Subsequent enhanced understanding will be used to design targeted treatment technologies. Building upon the \$200,000 received in the FY 2009 Commerce, Justice, Science bill, FY 2010 funds will continue to be used for development and operation of this new institute, leading to subsequent funding from other competitive sources. FY 2010 funds will be used to attract innovative junior and senior investigators working at the cutting edge of translational research. In addition, funds will defray the cost of laboratory and clinical operations, and administrative costs.

Project: Oregon Ocean Planning
Requestor: Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, Newport, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$782,000
Description: The Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association (OCZMA), working with the State of Oregon, has begun the process of preparing a spatially-explicit ocean plan for Oregon's Territorial Sea (0 to 3 miles). The purpose of the plan is to facilitate the siting of

offshore alternative energy projects in the ocean off Oregon (wave energy and other types of energy projects). The goal is to lessen potential conflicts, protect the marine environment, and preserve family wage jobs in the recreational and commercial fishing industry. The information gathered will be shared with federal agencies involved in siting/facilitating energy development in federal waters beyond the State of Oregon's jurisdiction.

OCZMA is working closely with Ecotrust and local ocean resource planning groups to map fishing grounds and other significant marine habitats through a confidential interview process with commercial and recreational fishermen. The information will be aggregated and released as generalized maps for ocean planning purposes. This groundbreaking process is underway. Additional resources are needed to continue the interview process and prepare shore-side socio-economic studies to document how fishing dollars and income from other recreational uses of the Pacific Ocean ripple through the coastal economy. This information — fishing grounds mapping coupled with shoreside socio-economic profiles — will enable OCZMA to document and quantify the impacts (or absence of impacts) of new alternative uses of the ocean on coastal communities. OCZMA is also requesting resources to support the work of local ocean resource planning committees that have formed on the Oregon Coast.

Project: Wasco County 911 Emergency Operations Center
Requestor: Wasco County, The Dalles, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$740,000
Description: This project would replace two failing buildings with a single consolidated 911 Emergency Dispatch Center and Emergency Operations Center. The current Wasco County 911 Emergency Dispatch Center is located in a building that does not meet seismic standards, is within the floodplain and not large enough to meet the current needs. The current Emergency Operation Center is old and isolated from other public safety activity. A location next to the 911 Center would create a fluid flow in case of a disaster, reducing response times.

For years the community has been involved in an effort to improve their outdated and ineffective emergency communication equipment and facilities. After an extensive process to select a site they have identified a site on the campus of Columbia Gorge Community College as part of a National Guard training center. This new National Guard Training Center will be built within the next 12 to 24 months.

The location of the 911/EOC next to the National Guard Facility will provide additional continuity in case of a major emergency or disaster. The proximity will also help in joint planning and holding mock exercises. Because the structure has to meet National Guard specifications it should be the safest building in the community able to withstand any natural disaster.

Project: Environmental Crimes Unit
Requestor: Oregon Department of Justice, Salem, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: Oregon has a rich tradition of environmental leadership. As part of this legacy, Oregon passed legislation in the 1990s making large-scale polluting a crime. Unfortunately, that legislation is rarely enforced because there are no full-time environmental-crimes prosecutors in the state of Oregon. To fill this gap, the Oregon Department of Justice is creating an Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit similar to those that already exist in California, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. The Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit will take and review potential cases from state natural resource agencies and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. It will then prosecute appropriate cases in state court in conjunction with our state's District Attorneys through the existing District Attorney Assistance Program. The Oregon Department of Justice will use funds as seed money to create an Environmental Crimes Unit consisting of two prosecutors and an environmental crimes investigator.

Project: Oregon State Police Mobile Data Platform

Requestor: Oregon State Police, Salem, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$740,000

Description: Oregon State Police (OSP) Officers lack a mobile software platform, impairing officer safety and efficiency. OSP will use funds to upgrade and enhance applications, including computer dispatch, records management, and the Law Enforcement Data System. OSP will also use funds to purchase and install mobile laptop computers, to allow officers mobile access to law enforcement data systems and computer dispatch. These funds will allow secure mobile access for Oregon State Police Officers and will develop applications that can generate reports, write citations, and support mobile video systems.

Project: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

Requestor: Oregon Department of Public Safety and Standards Training, Salem, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$700,000

Description: DPSST is required to train Oregon's police, fire, corrections, parole and probation, and telecommunications personnel. Budget shortfalls have severely cut into DPSST's ability to provide an adequate number of classes to train public safety officers – and without basic training, these officers are not able to protect Oregon citizens. DPSST provides basic and leadership training at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, regional training programs for advanced and perishable skills in the criminal justice and fire disciplines on a statewide basis, and certification of public safety personnel and licensing of private security officers and private investigators. Funds are requested so that DPSST can offer an adequate number of basic programs and classes and continue to provide excellent services to Oregon's public safety community. Funds will be spent to ameliorate DPSST budget shortfalls so that it may continue to offer high-quality training programs and classes to Oregon's public safety personnel.

Project: Washington County Drug Court
Requestor: Washington County, Hillsboro, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Description: Federal funds will be used in conjunction with State and local resources to sustain and enhance operation of the Washington County drug court. Local support includes the time of the judges and all team members, a full-time drug court coordinator paid for through County Corrections and the use of a Corrections facility for the treatment provider.

In Washington County's drug court program, 80% of the drug court cases involve Methamphetamines and 100% of the clients are facing prison sentences. The cost of treatment for drug court is about \$6,000 per year, per client. The cost of a drug court client sentenced to prison is approximately \$28,000 per year, per inmate. It is estimated that there has been a cost savings of approximately \$2.7 million from participants successfully graduating from the drug court instead of being sent to prison.

Project: Interoperability Communications Project
Requestor: City of Sherwood, Sherwood, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Description: This project would build a wireless public safety network on which multiple jurisdictions can share digital information. Accessible information in the wireless network would include GIS maps, real time video, photos, and database access. Furthermore this network would be used in daily operations by all public safety employees. This second phase of the project would expand the reach of the wireless network to include areas surrounding Sherwood. Also this phase would include the building of a public safety portal in which data from disparate systems could be combined and easily displayed for incident responders. Lastly this project would complete the connectivity to the Washington County Data Center by providing a redundant communications connection. Once complete this interoperable network will aide in the sharing of critical information and thus increase public safety within Sherwood and the surrounding area.

Project: West Coast Weak Stock Salmon Solutions
Requestor: Oregon Salmon Commission, Newport, OR
Account: DOC – NOAA
Amount Requested: \$1,800,000
Description: This project is a collaborative research partnership between the West Coast salmon troll industry and University, federal and state agency scientists. The funds will be used to plan, conduct, analyze, and communicate salmon research in order to improve salmon science, management, and the economic performance of the fleet. This knowledge could allow salmon fishing managers to reduce large-area closures and "salmon disasters" by directing fishing activity onto healthy stocks and away from weak stocks. Pilot-scale research indicates

significant promise for these techniques in managing salmon at refined spatial and temporal scales, reducing the need for large time and area closures, and improving economic and marketing strategies. Specific funds will be used to support researchers and graduate students, pay for ship time and other industry participation in all research activities, travel and meetings, publications, and equipment.

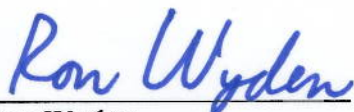
We would also like to express our support for national and multi-state programs of regional significance. These programs include:

- The West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health
- West Coast Weak Stock Salmon Solutions
- Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund
- The NCJFCJ Child Abuse Training Programs for Judicial Personnel: Victims Act Model Courts – operated by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- Judicial Training, Research and Technical Assistance Project – operated by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- Justice for All Act, Crime Victims' Rights Act Enforcement Project – operated by the National Crime Victim Law Institute
- Anadromous Grants to States
- PACFIN
- Aquatic Invasive Species Program
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership
- Second Chance Act funding
- Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act
- Victims of Crime Act
- Violence Against Women Act
- Adam Walsh Child Protection Act

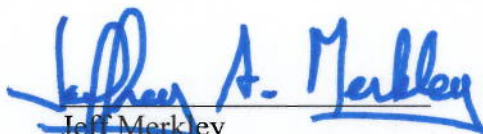
Additionally, we certify that neither ourselves' nor our immediate family have a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that we requested in this letter.

Thank you for your consideration of these worthy projects. We appreciate your strong and continued leadership and look forward to working with you this year on funding vital to our nation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Isaiah Akin in Senator Wyden's office at 224-5244, or Ms. Courtney Thompson in Senator Merkley's office at 224-3753.

Sincerely,



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